

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Senior Center

2. Organization Name and address:

City of Dallas, 187 SE Court Street, Dallas, Oregon 97338

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

385 SW Levens Street

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The Dallas Area Seniors (DAS) provide a series of programs designed to meet their mission, "to improve the quality of life for all Senior Citizens in the greater Dallas area." In addition, the DAS serves the Dallas community through a variety of service projects and acts as a gathering point for charity community programs and donations to community projects. The City of Dallas, a public entity, has joined with the DAS to work on this project. The City of Dallas has agreed to provide the land, sponsor a Community Development Block Grant application, and provide project management for the construction of the new senior center. As part of the collaborative effort, the City will own the facility and the DAS will manage its operations. This type of collaborative effort is not new to Dallas; this is the same model that was used between the City and SABLE House, a local domestic violence shelter.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The Dallas Seniors have occupied a dedicated space in and adjacent to the Dallas Public Library since its completion in 1990. This space provides the recreation, social, educational and meal services for the residents of Dallas age 55 and over. Due to an increasing senior population and broader programs, including future meal service, the seniors have outgrown the space and are in need of a new facility. The new senior center project has been in planning since 2002 and is listed in the Dallas Capital Improvement Project list and also listed on the City of Dallas' Inventory of Infrastructure projects. The City of Dallas seeks funding assistance for final design and construction of a new Senior Center. The City has a preliminary design of a 4,000 square foot facility that provides a kitchen facility, classrooms, craft areas, computer area, multi-purpose room, and office. The new facility will provide meal service five days per week. The estimated cost for the project is \$2,800,000 and can be under constructed within 90 days.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):
Department of Housing and Urban Development / American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

More than 25 percent of the residents of Dallas are 55 years of age or older, making Dallas the oldest community in Polk County. Further, Polk County already has the second highest distribution of senior citizens in the Willamette Valley. According to the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, "Leaders must look at their community's infrastructure and ask themselves whether what they have now is sufficient for a strong quality of life in 10 or 20 years..." The Oregon Progress Board warns, "in many areas of the state, especially smaller towns and rural areas, the elderly will be the predominant age group living alone."

In 2006, members of the non-profit organization Dallas Area Seniors (DAS) and the City of Dallas joined forces to find a pathway for expanding the scale and scope of services to seniors. For years the Dallas Senior Center has been housed in a room adjacent to the library. While this area provides room for some activities, it has proven to be too small and limited to be a venue for other activities. Further, as the population of Dallas aged, the size of the Senior Center proved to be insufficient to meet the growing needs of the community. The results of nearly two years of work was a conceptual plan that recommended that the city take the lead in capitalizing a new Senior Center that will serve the needs of the community for the next 20 years and the DAS would be responsible for operating the facility.

Membership in the DAS is open to anyone 55 or older (or with a spouse 55 years of age or older). In 2008, more than 280 seniors paid the \$10 annual membership dues to join the DAS. With the growth of the areas senior population and the new health and social programs enabled by a new larger facility, the DAS anticipates membership to grow to exceed 1,000 by the end of 2014.

The construction of the new Senior Center will ensure local contractors and their employees have work. It is estimated to sustain over 50 jobs through the construction of the project, which is substantial to the local economy.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?
If so, who?**

No

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$2,317,670

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$2,000,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

City of Dallas (Land Value)	\$400,000
CDBG In-Take Process	\$800,000
Ford Institute for Community Building	\$4,000

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

Not if funded during FY 2010

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

100% to construction and property development.

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

City of Dallas, Dallas Area Seniors

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes